

February eighteenth.

Mrs. Kate C. Randolph,  
23 Melrose Avenue,  
Toledo, Ohio.

Dear Mrs. Randolph:-

I have your letter of the eleventh February, and have carefully noted your corrections and remarks.

I enclose a copy of "Mercury," the little publication for members of Metropolitan College, New York, in which the biographical sketch appears. It has however a wide circulation, and is quite eagerly sought by students of Rosicrucian philosophy.

You will note that I have corrected the item that he was a surgeon, also made a slight change about your being of great assistance to him. I am quite sure however that the present statement is true; that you were a source of inspiration to him.

I have also stated that the Cal. society was organized on a ritualistic basis.

We note your mention re Dr. Clymer, and that he was a charter member from Dr. Randolph. We are glad to learn this from you as this gentleman claims so many things that we are glad to have this item come from a source of authority.

This however would make no difference to us, as it would become a matter of jurisprudence entirely, depending on what source Dr. Randolph derived his authority to grant a charter of any sort. We are requesting the European High Councils to look up the matter and advise us if anything can be found regarding Dr. Randolph's association with the Fraternity at about the time when he first began his work in America. This you will understand is an entirely friendly proceeding and animated only by a sincere desire to see Dr. Randolph set right in the eyes of Rosicrucian Fraters.

We also note that you have honorary membership in the organization of Dr. Clymer. In a way, this would militate against your accepting such in the Societas Rosicruciana in America.

The S. R. I. A. is not a publishing concern and work strictly in conformity with the usages and customs of the R. C. as you will note by the enclosed leaflet. All members honorary and otherwise, enter it as all fraters and sorores have done in the years that have passed; that is, by due initiation in regular form.

Honorary members however, are exempted from the payment of any dues or Entrance Fees.

Our principles do not permit us to criticise or comment upon any organization outside our own, but since you bring up the subject of Dr. Clymer we may observe solely by way of information that we do not recognize him or the organization he claims to conduct as other than a publisher and a publishing enterprise. This we say without animosity or desire to harm. It is merely a statement of our position.

Our understanding of Rosicrucian principles are quite different from what apparently are his. We do not permit the publication of any names in connection with the Brotherhood, no imposing titles, impressive claims, or indulgence in correspondence courses at a price. No officer or instructor in the Brotherhood is permitted to receive compensation in any form whatever for healing or teaching. Only the tylers of our colleges, whose work is janitorial receive compensation for purely manual labor. We hold that no one trying to live the life of a Rosicrucian will ever proclaim himself to be one, for being a Rosicrucian, and being a member of the Rosicrucian Brotherhood are two entirely different things.

We do not know to what extent you esteem your membership in Dr. Clymer's ranks, and we are far from intimating any desire on our part to have you sever any connection that you may appreciate. But we are grateful to you for your courtesy to us, and we appreciate most sincerely your own attitude of liberal mindedness as expressed in previous correspondence, and should you be at any time free to accept it, we shall be most happy to extend to you a cordial invitation to accept honorary membership in Metropolitan College, New York, the mother College of the Order here.

We are freely appreciative of the several legitimate Rosicrucian organizations in the United States today. The Heindel Fellowship at Ocean side does not claim to be the Brotherhood, it simply claims to be a Fellowship and is doing fine work on strictly Rosicrucian lines. The work of Dr. Steiner of the German and Swiss Brotherhoods is becoming widely extended here. The Societas Rosicruciana in Anglia have a branch here, as also the Temples of the A.:O.: and the A.:A.:.

There is a wide difference between the work of Dr. Randolph, and Dr. Clymer, and we can accept the first, and do so, but this organization cannot accept the latter. This as stated above is solely a statement of position and not a personal criticism.

We sincerely hope that we shall have the pleasure of a personal interview with you when you come to New York and also hope that it may be in the very near future, and ask that you do not fail to advise us of your arrival and permit us an opportunity of talking this matter over a bit more definitely than paper and cold type permit.

Meantime, thanking you again most sincerely for the trouble to which you have been put, and your courtesy in the matter, we are,

Very fraternally yours,

Societas Rosicruciana in America.

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